

House File 580 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 379)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of competent private
2 instruction to school-age children.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299A.2, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **299A.2 Competent private instruction by licensed**
4 **practitioner.**

5 If a licensed practitioner provides competent instruction
6 to a school-age child ~~of compulsory attendance age~~, the
7 practitioner shall possess a valid license or certificate which
8 has been issued by the state board of educational examiners
9 under chapter 272 and which is appropriate to the ages and
10 grade levels of the children to be taught. Competent private
11 instruction may include, but is not limited to, a home school
12 assistance program which provides instruction or instructional
13 supervision offered through an accredited nonpublic school or
14 public school district by a teacher, who is employed by the
15 accredited nonpublic school or public school district, who
16 assists and supervises a parent, guardian, or legal custodian
17 in providing instruction to a child. If competent private
18 instruction is provided through a public school district, the
19 child shall be enrolled and included in the basic enrollment
20 of the school district as provided in section 257.6. Sections
21 299A.3 through 299A.7 do not apply to competent private
22 instruction provided by a licensed practitioner under this
23 section. However, the reporting requirement contained in
24 section 299A.3, subsection 1, shall apply to competent private
25 instruction provided by licensed practitioners that is not
26 part of a home school assistance program offered through an
27 accredited nonpublic school or public school district.

28 Sec. 2. Section 299A.8, Code 2011, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 **299A.8 Dual enrollment.**

31 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a school-age
32 child who is receiving competent private instruction under
33 this chapter ~~or a child over compulsory age who is receiving~~
34 ~~private instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be
35 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.

1 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for
2 dual enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to
3 participate in any academic activities in the district and
4 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as
5 public school children in any extracurricular activities
6 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the
7 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to
8 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If
9 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child
10 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment
11 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in
12 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section
13 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6). A pupil
14 enrolled in grades nine through twelve under this section shall
15 be counted in the same manner as a shared-time pupil under
16 section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill permits children receiving competent private
19 instruction to qualify for dual enrollment provided through a
20 school district and competent private instruction, including
21 home school assistance programs, if the children are of school
22 age, rather than of compulsory attendance age.